

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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SEP -3 2015

RE: MUR 6919 (formerly AR 14-03)

Jorge Canseco

Inmuebles Caza S.A. de C.V.

Dear Mr. Pauerstein:

On August 28, 2015, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your clients' behalf in settlement of a violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30121 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441e). Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter as it pertains to Jorge Canseco and Inmuebles Caza S.A. de C.V.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A)) still apply, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the conciliation agreement. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	MUR 6919
Inmuebles Caza, S.A. de C.V.	Ì	MOR 0919
Jorge Canseco	)	

## **CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

This matter was generated in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act").

Based on the available information, the Commission found reason to believe that Inmuebles Caza, S.A. de C.V. ("Caza") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441e) by making a prohibited contribution from a foreign national, and that Jorge Canseco violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441e) by providing substantial assistance in the solicitation, making, acceptance or receipt of a contribution by a foreign national.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe that a violation has been committed, do hereby agree as follows:

- I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(A)(i) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i)).
- II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.
  - III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.
  - IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:
- 1. Canseco for Congress (the "Committee") is the principal campaign committee for Francisco Canseco, a candidate for Congress from the 23<sup>rd</sup> District of Texas in the

2010 election. Jorge Canseco is Francisco Canseco's brother and owns one percent of Inmuebles Caza S.A. de C.V. ("Caza"), an entity organized under the law of Mexico.

- 2. The Act and Commission regulations prohibit any foreign national, directly or indirectly, from making a contribution in connection with an election, and any person from providing substantial assistance in the solicitation, making, acceptance, or receipt of a prohibited foreign contribution. 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(1)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441e(a)(1)(A)); 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(b), (h).
- 3. On January 29, 2010, and April 13, 2010, the Committee received two contributions that were made with funds originating from Caza that, together, total \$100,000. Jorge Canseco, as president and part owner of Caza, participated in making the distributions from Caza to the candidate, which later went to the Committee. As a result, the Commission found reason to believe that Caza made, and Jorge Canseco provided substantial assistance in the solicitation, making, acceptance, or receipt of, a prohibited contribution from a foreign national. Of the \$100,000 in total contributions in issue, \$44,605 remains unresolved.
- 4. Respondents contend that they were unaware that the distributions from Caza were a violation of the law. The Commission did not find that the violation was knowing and willful.
- V. To resolve this matter expeditiously and without the uncertainty and expense of litigation, Respondents agree not to further contest this matter after the Commission found reason to believe that Respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441e) by making, or providing substantial assistance in making, a prohibited foreign contribution.
- VI. 1. Respondents agree to pay a total civil penalty of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to the Federal Election Commission pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A)).

- 2. Respondents will cease and desist from any violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30121 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441e).
- 3. Respondents waive the right to any additional refunds of contributions made to the Committee in alleged violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30121 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441e).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1)) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

- VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.
- IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.
- X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

BY:

Daniel A. Petalas

Associate General Counsel for Enforcement

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

(Name) Jorge E. Canseco

(Position)President, Inmuebles Caza S.A. de C.V.

\_\_\_August 6, 2015.

Date